

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 5, 7, 9 and 11-14 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Susan Pan on 4/5/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 3-4, 6, 8, 10 and 15-17.

In regards to claim 1, please amend it to read as follows:

“An imposition apparatus comprising:

a storage unit including:

a paper image creating section that creates a paper image in a manner that an imposition for at least one page frame is applied onto a paper, and a page including an image and/or a character disposed in the page frame on a layout in which an imaginary page frame including the page frame is set up, so that the entire paper, in which the page is disposed, is provided in form of an image;

an output processing section that causes an image output machine for outputting an image on the paper to output the paper image on the paper by

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applying the paper image created in the paper image creating section to the image output machine; and

a processing interruption section that interrupts and stops the creation of the paper image by the paper image creating section and the output of the created paper image on the paper by the output processing section in the event that the page disposed on the layout juts out from the imaginary page frame, and wherein due to an interruption by the process interruption section no image is printed.”

In regards to claim 5, please amend it to read as follows:

“An imposition program storage medium storing an imposition program, the imposition program comprising:

a paper image creating section that creates a paper image in a manner that an imposition for at least one page frame is applied onto a paper, and a page including an image and/or a character disposed in the page frame on a layout in which an imaginary page frame including the page frame is set up, so the entire paper, in which the page is disposed, is provided in form of an image;

an output processing section that causes an image output machine for outputting an image on the paper to output the paper image on the paper by applying the paper image created in the paper image creating section to the image output machine; and

a processing interruption section for interrupting and stopping the creation of the paper image by the paper image creating section and the output of the created paper image on the paper by the output processing section in the event

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that the page disposed on the layout juts out from the imaginary page frame, and wherein due to an interruption by the process interruption section no image is printed.”

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not disclose interrupting and stopping the creation of a paper image whenever the page juts out from the imaginary page frame, such that no image is printed as a result. Thus, the limitations within the claims are sufficient enough to overcome the prior art of record, and as a result, the claims are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is: Kidani (Pub. # 20030035672) and Gomi ('469).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent Rudolph whose telephone number is (571) 272-8243. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, David Moore can be reached on (571) 272-7437. The fax

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phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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